

# College/Community Committee Meeting Minutes

**September 17, 2015**

IN ATTENDANCE: Committee Members; Chairman, Robert Krummerich and Leonard Andrews. Scot Pitzer was absent. Others present included Council President Michael Birkner, Borough Manager Charles Gable, Planning Director Scott Dellett, and Councilman John Butterfield. Gettysburg College Representatives: Patti Lawson, Associate Vice President Government & Community Relations; and Keira Kant, Residential Life. Jim Hale was representing the Gettysburg Times.

## Gettysburg College Student Walk

Keira Kant reported that the Gettysburg College Student Walk went very well. She said that it was a great turn out, and noted that the students were surprised that Mayor Troxell speaks to them at this event. Ms. Kant said that the students were very appreciative of this and the nice presentation.

## Recycling Program

John Butterfield explained the recycling program that the Borough has been following for many years as required by law. He said that college students living off-campus are required to recycle and suggested that College Representatives relay this information to the students.

Bob Krummerich noted that people dig through the dumpsters in his neighborhood to collect cans for recycling. John Butterfield asked if the Borough could charge them with theft of services since they are effectively stealing from the Borough by removing recycling. Manager Gable said that this is a police matter and should be referred to the chief for clarification. Both Mr. Krummerich and Mr. Andrews disagreed with

Mr. Butterfield. Mr. Krummerich stated there was no law to prevent people from taking cans from dumpsters. He added such actions would also reflect negatively on the borough.

Michael Birkner asked about a recent situation where there was a lot of trash at a particular fraternity house. He asked if this is an unusual once a year issue. Bob responded that this recurs off and on with all the fraternities. Patti Lawson explained that certain fraternities that are privately owned were unsuccessful with getting their garbage accounts reactivated. She said that the college stepped in over the summer and removed some of the garbage that was spilling over. Bob said that the garbage is spilling over again and asked that it get removed.

Some discussion continued regarding trash and recycling procedures and

requirements.

### College Camps and Events

Bob Krummerich reported that parking is still an issue during camps. He said that on Carlisle and Washington Streets, cars park to the intersection causing a hazard for people trying to drive through those areas. Bob asked that the College notify the Borough of these events so that they can be prepared to enforce. Scott Dellest said that the parking department has been notified regarding events, but wasn't sure if all events were reported. Patti said that she would relay this issue to the proper department.

### Off Campus Housing

Keira Kant pointed out that when the mandatory meeting of students is held, it is for the students living in houses and apartments, and not for the fraternities. She reported that there are 136 students living in the community this year. Keira said that the primary locations are on the North Carlisle Street area, Stevens Street, East Lincoln Avenue, Stratton Street, and East and West Water Streets.

Bob asked how many students live in the fraternities. Keira responded that there are 220 total students living in all the fraternities.

### Other Business

Bob asked that the students be made aware not to have their vehicles extending over the alleys especially during snow removal. He said that the public works department had trouble plowing snow due to the vehicles.

John Butterfield asked if there are any special living accommodations made for veterans. He noted that some are older than first year students, and asked if they are required to live on campus, or if they can live off campus. Keira responded that any student is required to live on campus. She said that there are some exceptions, whereas, some students choose to live off campus because they own a home and want to commute. Keira said that the college has different statuses for students so it is permitted. She pointed out that the college meets with students to discuss their individual needs.

Michael Birkner shared a newspaper clipping regarding Bucknell College. He said that they sell permits to the fraternities hosting parties.

Patti Lawson announced that the college is having a dedication tomorrow at 4:00 PM to unveil the Emancipation Proclamation Lincoln Statue. It will be placed in front of Stevens Hall, and she said that this event is open to the public.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Robert Krummerich, Committee Chair

